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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Review of the Activities of the Office of Security

1. General Cassidy arrived at Col. Edwards' office at 1400 as scheduled. Col. Edwards explained that he and [ ] would give the General an over-all office picture but that he would save some time for [ ] to cover their functions. He expressed the wish that General Cassidy would save enough time to see the Security file system. The General stated that he would like very much to see the files, and that if time did not permit, he would see them when he revisits Security. (In both the Medical and this briefing, General Cassidy stated that he intended to revisit all elements, as he kept referring to his return visits).

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2. During the period of the presentation by Col. Edwards and [ ] the General's questions were primarily to seek clarification due to lack of familiarity of terminology. The General then asked what responsibility the Director of Security had for maintaining the security of documents disseminated to other agencies. He specifically wanted to know if we could control the security measures of another agency or if we could inflict security criteria on other agencies and enforce it. The General cited as an example his observation of the way special intelligence was handled at an Air Force installation he visited. Col. Edwards' reply to this question was clear but carefully made. He pointed out that by classification of a document we indicated the degree of security with which it should be handled, but also made it clear that as far as the Director of Security was concerned, he did not attempt to monitor or enforce security actions of other Government agencies. (General Cassidy has asked this question of several Agency officials). He discussed some aspects of the DCI position in this field but felt he had best not attempt to talk for Mr. Dulles.

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3. The General asked several routine questions as to our procedures in the security investigation of prospective employees and asked specifically if we received any assistance from the FBI on clearances. The answer was no, and Col. Edwards gave the history of CIA-FBI relationships on personnel clearances.

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4. We then proceeded to the office of [ ] (Deputy Director of Security for Investigations and Operational Support) where the details of his functions were explained. The General had no specific questions here, and we proceeded to the office of [ ] (Deputy Director of Security for Personnel and Physical Support) at about 1550 hours. At 1600 the General said his time was up and stated that he would get further briefing from Security at a later date, and he departed on schedule.

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